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New York Man Sentenced on Federal Drug Possession and Distribution Charges

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Emmanuel Baptiste**, 26, of Sound Beach, New York, was sentenced on January 11, 2008, in U.S. District Court, Bangor, on federal drug distribution charges. Baptiste was sentenced to 15 months in prison and a \$500 fine, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release. On September 28, 2007, Baptiste pleaded guilty to distribution of cocaine.

Court records reveal that on several occasions in July 2004, Baptiste sold cocaine, totaling approximately 90 grams with a purity level greater than 50%. Baptiste had originally been charged in a criminal complaint in October of 2004 and was a fugitive until his arrest in New York on July 7, 2007.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration Drug Task Force, with the assistance of the Brewer Police Department, the Old Town Police Department, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Maine Probation Department, the Eastern Maine Violent Crime Task Force, the Bangor Police Department and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office.

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